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SUBJECT: UN FINANCES: MEXICAN DECISION NOT TO SEND
TROOPS TO UNIFIL

REF: A) USUN 01363
B) MEXICO 5874

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN USUN SUGGESTION IN REF A.
YOU SHOULD MAKE APPROACH ALONG THOSE LINES TO GOM.
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2. THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN REF B THAT MEXICAN TROOPS WERE
"NOT PREPARED" ADEQUATELY FOR SERVICE IN UNIFIL BEARS
ON TWO KEY PEACEKEEPING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE
PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON UN REFORM AND RE-
STRUCTURING. THESE ARE (A) THE CREATION OF A UN
PEACEKEEPING RESERVE COMPOSED OF NATIONAL CONTINGENTS

TRAINED IN PEACEKEEPING FUNCTIONS, AND (B) THE DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES UNDER THE UN FOR TRAINING OFFICERS AND NONCOMS FROM THE EARMARKED CONTINGENTS. SOME COUNTRIES, NOTABLY CANADA AND THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, HAVE ALREADY EARMARKED MILITARY UNITS FOR UN DUTY AND TRAINED THESE UNITS IN UN PEACEKEEPING TECHNIQUES. WE HOPE THAT

VARIOUS COUNTRIES WITH EXPERTISE IN PEACEKEEPING SPECIALTIES WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN THIS TRAINING. WE WILL SHORTLY BE PRESENTING PROPOSALS ALONG THESE LINES TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, OF WHICH MEXICO IS A MEMBER, AND WOULD WELCOME MEXICO'S SUPPORT FOR THESE PROPOSALS. MEXICO MIGHT ITSELF WISH TO CONSIDER THE EARMARKING AND TRAINING OF A CONTINGENT FOR SERVICE IN FUTURE UN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS. FYI: A MAIN IMPETUS FOR OUR EARMARKING/ TRAINING PROPOSAL HAS BEEN TO GET LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS MORE ENGAGED IN UN PEACEKEEPING. EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST STAGES OF UNEF/UNDOF, THE LA'S HAVE A LAMENTABLE RECORD OF NON-PARTICIPATION IN PEACEKEEPING. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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